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AGGREGATE MULTIPLE VLANS)
IN A METROPOLITAN AREA)
NETWORK)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2002, please enter the following
amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 23 and ending on page 8, line 10

with:

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In one aspect of the present invention, an aggregated VLAN architecture is used to create
a virtual private network within a metropolitan area network (MAN), also referred to as a virtual